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SUBJ: HUSAYN VISIT: SADAT CALLS FOR RELATION BETWEEN JORDAN
AND PALESTINIAN ENTITY

1. BBC, WE UNDERSTAND, REPORTING THAT IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH
CAIRO TV, TAPED BEFORE TALKING TO SADAT AND AIRED EVENING
JULY 10, HUSAYN SAID HE DID NOT AGREE TO ANNOUNCEMENT ANY
JORDAN/WEST BANK CONFEDERATION PRIOR RPT PRIOR GENEVA
CONF. THIS CONTRASTS WITH EXTENSIVE CAIRO PRESS COVERAGE
REPORTING FAHMY STATEMENT THAT SADAT "STATED CLEARLY AND
OPENLY" TO HUSAYN THAT "AGREEMENT" ON "CLEAR LINK BETWEEN
JORDAN AND NEW PALESTINIAN ENTITY" SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BEFORE
GENEVA CONF RECONVENES. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, HUSAYN STRESSED
THAT EGYPTIAN-JORDANIAN VIEWS "IDENTICAL". HUSAYN HIMSELF HAD
AMPLE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT PUBLICLY ON ALL ISSUES WHILE IN
ALEXANDRIA, BUT IF HE HAD SOMETHING NEW TO SAY, IT IS NOT
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REPORTED IN CAIRO PRESS.)

2. COMMENT: ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
AFTER HUSAYN VISIT TO ASWAN JAN 15 IN WHICH JORDAN WELCOMED
"ESTABLISHMENT VERY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINIAN STATE
WHICH WILL BE SET UP IN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S
HOPES...FORM OF THESE RELATIONS WILL BE DECIDED BETWEEN THE

TWO PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR FREE CHOICE..." WHAT WAS MISSING FROM THAT STATEMENT, IN GOE VIEW, WAS JORDANIAN WELCOME FOR SUCH LINK PRIOR TO GENEVA, AND WE ASSUME THAT SADAT PRESSED THIS VIEW AGAIN IN ALEXANDRIA. LACK OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THIS OCCASION IS PERHAPS NOTEWORTHY IN VIEW EMBASSY AMMAN'S REPORTING THAT HUSAYN STILL ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO NEGOTIATING ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIANS. FOR KING TO AGREE TO PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT SOME CONFEDERATION WOULD, IT WOULD APPEAR TO US, PLACE HIM IN EXACTLY THAT SITUATION OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIASE OR BLAME WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE GENEVA TALKS CONCERNING WEST BANK.

3. IT WORTH MENTIONING THAT, WHILE EGYPTIANS FREELY ADMIT DIFFICULTY OF "HANDLING" THE PALESTINIANS, THEY ARE TRADITIONALLY MORE ASSURED WHEN IT COMES TO HUSAYN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY BELIEVE, AS NOW, THAT THEY HAVE WORKING AGREEMENT WITH SAUDIS. WHILE HUSAYN VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS TREATMENT, COMPLETE WITH FRONT PAGE PICTURES AND TV COVERAGE, PRESS IN GENERAL USIED VISIT AS VEHICLE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO SOLIDARITY OF CONFRONTATION STATES, KEEP FOCUS ON ARAB SIDE OF THE PEACE PROCESS AFTER RECENT PUBLICITY FOR EGYPTIAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN EUROPE AND US, AND SHOW CAIRO CONTINUES TO BE CENTER OF ME POLICY MAKING.
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